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SHELTON STATE ANNOUNCES NEW TUITION POLICY

Although students attending Shelton State Community College will be paying more for tuition beginning Spring quarter 1991, their rate will be at the lower end of the new tuition scale approved by the State Board of Education at its November meeting.

Adopted at its meeting on November 8, the resolution passed by the State Board recommended that each of Alabama's two year colleges implement a revised tuition schedule based upon \$20 a credit hour with up to a 10% variance.

According to Shelton President Tom Umphrey, Shelton students will be paying \$18.00 a credit hour this spring. Tuition for Fall quarter 1991 will be increased to \$19.00 per credit hour. Fall quarter 1992, tuition will be increased to \$20.00 per credit hour.

"We felt this would be the fairest method of raising tuition," Umphrey said. "We believe it will minimize the impact on our students by gradually easing in a tuition increase."

A new fee structure has also been adopted by the college, according to Umphrey. "Effective spring 1991, students will pay a new instructional fee of \$1.00 per credit hour. This fee will provide Shelton State with additional funds which will be used to provide services to our students. It will include costs related to the application and registration processes, instructional supplies, and final student transcripts."

This fee was also mandated by the State Board of Education at its November meeting with the recommendation that an instructional fee of from \$1 to \$4 per credit hour be adopted. This fee will replace all other fees except graduation and punitive fees.

A facility renewal fee of \$1.00 per credit hour up to a total of \$15.00 has been in effect for Alabama's junior, community, and technical colleges since last year and will not be changed under the new policy.

This tuition increase for the two year colleges is the first since 1987 when the State Board adopted tuition of \$200 a quarter for a full time student. State funding for Shelton State and the other two year colleges remained level in 1987-88, 1988-89, and 1989-90. In 1990-91, funding from the state was again level, according to Umphrey, although an additional amount was available for a mandated employee pay raises.

"The primary revenue source for general operations other than the state allocation is tuition," Umphrey said. In 1990-91, these two revenue sources, state funding and tuition, represented 81.64% of the unrestricted current fund revenues for the system. Our problem is that state funding has remained level over the past four years and yet Shelton State has experienced record enrollment. We at Shelton really have no choice but to raise tuition," Umphrey said.

Tuition rates have increased nationally in all segments of higher education. Last year Alabama's two year colleges charged \$600 per academic year for a full time student. The average tuition for community colleges nationwide in 1990-91 is \$884 per student. The median tuition in Alabama's four year baccalaureate institutions is \$1,411.00. The consumer price index (CPI) indicates consumer prices have risen 17.4% since the last tuition increase by Alabama's two year colleges. The current inflation rate is 5.6%.

SHELTON STATE OPENS NEW SUCCESS CENTER

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY defines success as "the gaining of something desired, planned or attempted." For Shelton State Community College, this definition takes on real meaning with the opening of the college's new Success Center.

For a number of years Shelton State has operated individual reading, math, and writing labs that were available for Shelton State students. With the new Success Center, all of these areas are combined into one centralized setting. Funded through the college's Title III grant, the Success Center's purpose is to offer a supportive learning environment designed to help students perform to the maximum of their ability. The center provides individualized help through the use of computers, audiovisual aids, and tutors.

Materials for the Success Center were selected by the instructors in the individual disciplines, such as math, reading, and English. Title III simply provided the resources for the center, according to Shelton President Tom Umphrey.

The Success Center is open to all students who are interested in raising their individual learning level. However, certain groups of students are expected to receive special benefit from the program. Students who are in the college's developmental studies program, Special Services students, and students determined to be "at risk" will be greatly involved in the program.

"In addition to helping students with learning problems, the Success Center will also be a tool for the highly motivated student who wants to learn more in the classroom," said Umphrey. "We see the center as being used by students who want to raise their grades from B's to A's."

"Mathematical programs are good examples of the services offered through the Success Center," Umphrey said. "Software packages are available in a wide range of math classes, beginning with developmental math and advancing to higher mathematical courses, such as statistics and calculus. Software packages will also be available in English, reading, computer science, and study skills."

In many instances, the software packages are already loaded on the hard discs of the computers in order to make the process as simple as possible for the students. Although housed on the Skyland Campus, the Success Center serves all Shelton campuses. Recognizing that the purpose of the center is to increase student success, the administration of the college plans for the center to provide an individualized tracking system in order to monitor each student's progression.

The center is open Monday through Wednesday 8 a.m.-8 p.m. ; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For additional information on the center, call 391-2253.

ZONTA CLUB OF TUSCALOOSA SUPPORTS SHELTON'S NEW OPTIONS PROGRAM FOR 1990-91

Participants from Shelton State's New Options program were honored at a brunch sponsored by the Zonta Club of Tuscaloosa this past Friday, December 7. New Options is a free program for displaced homemakers and single parents that is offered by Shelton State Community College.

The Zonta Club has been active this year in offering scholarships and money for child care for New Options participants. In addition, a clothes closet was started where women can select clothes when needed.

For additional information on New Options, contact Dr. Paula Hayes, 391-2382.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DEC. 10-15

MON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN ROOM 223
TUE-SSCC MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. CLARKE COLLEGE AT NEWTON, MS. 8:00 P.M
THU-PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AT LUCY KUBISZYNS HOME 3:30
FRI-HUMANTIES BUSINESS LUNCHEON OFF CAMPUS 12:00 NOON
ORGANIZATIONAL OF STANDING COMM. ROOM 134 SKYLAND CAMPUS 10:00
ADM. INST. DIV FACULTY MEETING AUDITORIUM SKYLAND CAMPUS 1:30
SSCC CHIC-A-DEE CLASSIC 14TH AND 15TH AT MONROEVILLE T.B.A.